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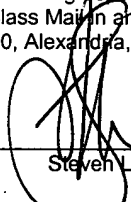
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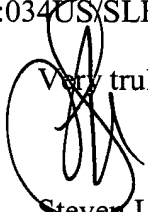
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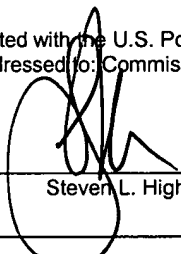
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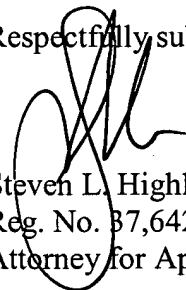
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In further response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention as drawn to NGVN nucleic acids.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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